LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1   1. (Original) A process for managing business, technical and operational data which
2   uses a single interface in a shared space environment over the Internet comprising the
3   steps of:
4   providing a supplier portal from which new guests indicate, using a Graphical
5   User Interface (GUI) of the supplier portal Web page, whether they are a registered user
6   or not;
7   determining whether a guest is a registered user from input by the guest, and if not
8   a registered user, prompting the guest to select "Register" to link to guest registration
9   (GR) where they can obtain a Web userid/password that enables them to register for any
10   of global procurement applications available under the supplier portal;
11   when a guest obtains a Web userid/password in GR, storing guest information in a
12   GR data store;
13   determining whether any applications have been authorized for a registered guest
14   and, if not, prompting the guest to register for restricted applications in a portal common
15   registration (PCR) where information is stored in a PCR data store throughout an
16   application's approval cycle;
17   accessing information from the GR data store to automatically build a customized
18   home page for the guest, this home page being modified and updated as the guest's
19   requests for access to applications get approved;
20   determining whether approval is needed for a requested application and, if so,
21   sending a request for approval to the application administrator and receiving a response
22   from the application administrator; and

23 storing links to all applications for which the guest is approved, these links being

24 reflected in the personalized supplier portal home page which displays a list of links to all

25 of the applications for which the guest has been registered and authorized.

1 2. (Original) The process for managing business, technical and operational data as

2 recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

3 defining 1 to n level approval cycles a user must go through to get authorized to

4 access an application;

5 logging in by a registered guest by inputting the guest's usereid/password once for

6 each session, as long as applications requested by the guest are in a same realm; and

7 invoking by a logged in guest any of their approved applications by simply

8 clicking the link to the desired application in the guest's customized home page.

1 3. (Original) The process for managing business, technical and operational data as

2 recited in claim 2, wherein the approval cycles are customizable for each application.

1 4. (Original) The process for managing business, technical and operational data as

2 recited in claim 2, wherein the approval cycles are defined for a section of an application,

3 providing a finer level of access control.

1 5. (Original) The process for managing business, technical and operational data as

2 recited in claim 2, wherein application specific registration fields are defined so that a

3 registration form, unique to an application, is displayed when a user requests access to an

4 application.

1 6. (Original) The process for managing business, technical and operational data as

2 recited in claim 2, wherein guests may bookmark applications for later access, further

3 comprising the step of prompting by an application a guest to enter their userid/password

4   for authentication against data stored in the GR data store when the application is

5   accessed using a bookmark.

1   7. (Original) A data processing system for managing business, technical and operational

2   data which uses a single interface in a shared space environment over the Internet

3   comprising:

4   a supplier portal from which new guests indicate, using a Graphical User Interface

5   (GUI) of the supplier portal Web page, whether they are a registered user or not;

6   means for determining whether a guest is a registered user from input by the

7   guest, and if not a registered user, prompting the guest to select "Register" to link to guest

8   registration (GR) where they can obtain a Web userid/password that enables them to

9   register for any of global procurement applications available under the supplier portal;

10   a GR data store storing guest information when a guest obtains a Web

11   userid/password;

12   a portal common registration (PCR) where information is stored in a PCR data

13   store throughout an application's approval cycle;

14   means for determining whether any applications have been authorized for a

15   registered guest and, if not, prompting the guest to register for restricted applications in

16   the PCR;

17   means for accessing information from the GR data store to automatically build a

18   customized home page for the guest, this home page being modified and updated as the

19   guest's requests for access to applications get approved;

20   means for determining whether approval is needed for a requested application

21   and, if so, sending a request for approval to the application administrator and receiving a

22   response from the application administrator; and

23   means for storing links to all applications for which the guest is approved, these

24   links being reflected in the personalized supplier portal home page which displays a list

     of links to all of the applications for which the guest has been registered and authorized.